



From the Pastor

Reconciliation during Lent

My first ministry as a priest was at All Saints Church in Hayward. I loved the community but at Confession time I was alone. Very few people came. I know in my life it has been through confession that my heart has changed and expanded. It is through confession that I have received healing of my heart and renewal in His Love. It is through confession that I find peace for my troubled heart and mind. Come and encounter our merciful God!

"May Lent prepare our hearts to receive God's forgiveness - but let us receive it and then do the same with others: forgive heartily. Perhaps you never even greet me in the street, but in my heart I have forgiven you. In this way, we get closer to this thing so great, so Godly, which is mercy. Forgiving, we open our hearts so that God's mercy might come and forgive us, for, we all have need of pardon, need to ask forgiveness. Let us forgive, and we shall be forgiven. Let us have mercy on others, and we shall feel that mercy of God, who, when He forgives, also 'forgets.'"

Pope Francis

Come to Confession

Jesus is waiting to forgive you, embrace you and empower you with grace. Prepare your self to meet the Resurrected Lord this Easter. There is an examination of conscience with prayers and ritual for confession in the back of Church.

Monday during Lent 7:30am to 8:00am

Friday during Lent 3pm until 3:45pm

Saturday 3:30pm until 4:30pm

Communal Reconciliation

Tuesday **March 15** at 7pm. We will reflect on the Stations of the Cross to examine our conscience leading us to Confession and Reconciliation.

The Unitive Way to God Wednesday, March 9 at 7:15pm *Families Join in Love*

In the Unitive Way we give our self over to the mystery of the Triune God of love. Now that we are at peace with God through penance and have sought the wisdom of God in Christ Jesus we are ready to open ourselves to encounter our God in love. We come to experience a deep connection to who we are and come to an affective understanding of God as our hearts are transformed and United in His love.

Gospel for the Fifth Sunday in Lent (March 13th)

John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."



**YEAR OF MERCY EVENT
FOR FAMILIES
COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**

Fr. Tom invites the OLG community to a free *Unity of Community Breakfast* TODAY from 10:00am-1:00 pm, in Stack Center. Bring you family for breakfast and meet others in our OLG Community.



LENTEN WEDNESDAY SOUP MEAL

Please plan on joining us for a simple meal of soup and bread Wednesday's during Lent. It will be a time for fellowship and families coming together. Our Soup Meal follows the 6:00pm Mass. This Wednesday (**March 9th**) Soup Meal is sponsored by our school Community. We thank them for their ministry of hospitality for this meal. Donations will be accepted to benefit Operation Rice Bowl.

**YEAR OF MERCY EVENT FOR FAMILIES
TRIPLE WAY TO GOD
FR. TOM'S LENTEN LECTURE SERIES**

Fr. Tom will conclude his Lenten lecture series on *The Triple Way to God*, with *Part 3, March 9th* in Stack Center at 7:15pm. In the Unitive Way we give ourselves over to the mystery of the Triune God of Love. Now that we are at peace with God through penance and have sought the wisdom of God in Christ Jesus we are ready to open ourselves to encounter our God in love. We come to experience a deep connection to who we are and come to an affective understanding of God as our hearts are transformed by His love.



**A HOUR OF MERCY
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT**

There will be an hour of Mercy every Friday during Lent from 2:30pm until 3:30pm. We will begin with the Stations of the Cross with the school children. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited beginning at 3:00pm

Servicio's En Espanol

Durante la Cuaresma
Via Crucis--Jueves --7pm

**SAINTS OF MERCY
PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND
September 30 to October 8, 2016**

\$3,499.00 per person
Spiritual Director:

Fr. Thomas Czeck, OFM Conv.

Information Nights--Sunday, **March 20th** at 1:00pm and Saturday, **April 16th** at 6:30pm in Stack Center.

**DO NOT BE AFRAID OF CONFESSION
COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE
MARCH 15th**

During the Lenten season confession will be available every Monday from 7:30am until 8:00am, Friday's from 3:00pm-4:00pm and Saturday's from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. Our Communal Penance service is scheduled for Tuesday, **March 15th** at 7:00pm.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Come join the ICF as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with our Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner on **March 10th**. We will also celebrate St. Joseph's Day with a St. Joseph's table. Don't know what a St. Joseph's table is? Come learn about an old Italian tradition and help support St. Vincent de Paul's society at Transfiguration Parish. Doors open at 6:00pm, dinner served at 6:30pm. Reservations are required, please call Stella Taddei at 538-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242. Deadline is Monday, **March 7th**.

INITIATIVE TO END THE DEATH PENALTY

Your signature on an anti-death penalty initiative will help place the measure on the November ballot to replace California's unworkable death penalty with life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. California has the nation's largest death row, and this initiative would not only eliminate the possibility of executing an innocent person, but could also save the state and local governments approximately \$150,000,000 per year. The death penalty has been discontinued by all other Western countries and is strongly condemned by Pope Francis and many other church leaders.



**“Sharing God’s Mercy” –
The Bishop’s Annual Appeal**

Throughout the Diocese last weekend was Bishop’s Appeal Commitment Weekend.

It is important that we as a parish support the work and ministry of the Office of the Bishop. For many years Our Lady of Grace parishioners have supported the Bishop’s Appeal as it provides the means to continue the mission Christ has entrusted to us: to serve, to educate, to care for the poor, and to be a beacon of hope. The ministries, services and programs that are funded from this effort allow us to fulfill the mission given to us all. More specifics about the areas supported by your generosity can be found in the brochures on the table in the vestibule.

Here at Our Lady of Grace we have over 1000 registered households. Last year 112 households participated in the Diocesan Capital Campaign: Reclaiming Christ. We are grateful to those individuals and families who made that commitment and who continue to honor their pledges to that four year campaign.

As a parish we have consistently achieved our Bishops Appeal goals largely due to the efforts of less than 200 individuals and households. We are confident that once again we will achieve our goal. We have been asked by the Diocese to form a committee and make presentations on the appeal and to hold a commitment weekend. However, given our past record I am confident we will once again make our goal without all of those steps. The challenge this year is to encourage all those families and individuals who did not participate in the previous campaign to make the commitment to this year’s Bishops Appeal. If those roughly 880 households participated in the Bishops Appeal we would have our goal achieved in no time.

If you have not yet completed a Bishop’s Appeal pledge envelope, they can be found in the pews. I ask you to please complete an envelope and drop it in any collection. Our parish goal is \$25,139.54. This is the same goal as we had in 2014, and in 2014 we reached 107% of that goal. I am confident we can do so again. As always, I thank you for your usual generosity. Please make the commitment to be part of this solution.

Fr. Tom

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God’s Providence and trust that if you give ten percent of your income to the Church and charity for example, God will help you live on the rest.

Offerings of February 28th:

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| Sunday Plate: | \$ 9,326.00 |
| Last Year this week | \$ 9,714.00 |
| Weekly Budgeted Goal: | \$ 8,920.00 |
| Year-to-date this year: | \$ 77,249.00 |
| Year-to-date last year: | \$ 74,951.00 |

May God bless your continuing generosity.



Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those many among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

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| Larry Bronzini | Byron Griffith |
| Virginia Cabardo | Elaine Jordan |
| Dennis Cande | Richard Martin |
| Kathleen Denning | Doree Rivera |
| Julie Dillon | Mike Roth |
| Estela Enriquez | Florence Sharp |
| Juanita Estrellas | Iwan Tunggal |
| Mary Franks | James Van Wert |
| | Yvonne Wheeler |

As we pray for an end to war and violence in our world, let us remember in prayer those family members of our parish community serving on active duty, including:

- DAVID SANCHEZ MICHAEL SANCHEZ**

Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

ALBERT SOUZA

**SAVE THE DATE
WE HOPE TO
"MEET YOU IN PARIS"**

**Saturday, May 21st
At the**

OLG Spring Auction !

Enjoy a Silent and Live Auction, catered dinner, Dessert Dash & Dancing ! 6pm--10:30pm--More information and ticket sales to come. You don't want to miss this fun adult evening out. Childcare for a nominal donation is provided by "Team Dawson". Come hang out with old friends and make some new ones !

Have a Donation? Contact: Liz Huizar--lizhuizar79@gmail.com

ICF NEWS

Bishop Michael Barber will celebrate Mass for both the East Bay District and Contra Costa District of ICF, here at OLG on Sunday, **March 13th**, at 3:30 P.M. All are welcome! Following Mass there will be dinner and the presentation of the Bishop's Spiritual Bouquet and monetary gift for the seminarians, our future priests. Reservations are needed for dinner, price is \$30.00, if interested please call Lisa Crudo at 510-861-9835 by Wednesday, **March 9th**, 2016. Ciao.

**BUNDLE SUNDAY
MARCH 12th--13th**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have members and a large trailer in the church parking lot on the weekend of **March 12th--13th** after all the masses. Please bring your gently used household goods, clothing or eWaste on that weekend. We take furniture, blankets, clothing, lamps, cookware, home decorating items, sleeping bags, sporting goods, toys and other usable goods. Bags will be at the exits of the church the week prior. The next Bundle Sundays will be **June 5th and October 2nd**.



RCIA INQUIRY

RCIA Inquiry Group meets **Tuesdays** at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Grace Room in Stack Center. You may join at anytime. This group is offered for those exploring membership in the Catholic Church. This weeks topic: *The Saints*.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 6th:

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

Unity of the Community Breakfast
10:00am--Stack Center

Children's Liturgy
9:00am--Mass

Religious Education Classes
10:30am--Stack Center

Youth Ministry
After 9:00am Mass in the Gym

Monday, March 7th

WEBS-Women's Bible Study
7:00pm--Stack Center

Tuesday, March 8th:

Bible Study
9:30am--Parish Office

Religious Education Classes
3:45pm--Stack Center

RCIA - Inquiry
7:00pm--Stack Center

Men's Bible Study
7:00pm--Parish Office

Wednesday, March 9th:

Lenten Soup Meal
After 6:00pm Mass

Lenten Lecture Series
7:15pm--Stack Center

Thursday, March 10th:

ICF St. Patrick's Dinner
6:00pm--Stack Center

Stations of the Cross in Español
7:00pm--Church

Serenity Group
7:30pm--Stack Center

Friday, March 11th:

Stations of the Cross
2:30pm--Church

Sunday, March 13th:

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

Parish Registration
10:00am--Stack Center

Mass Intentions for the Week

Please note: All weekday masses will be celebrated in the Church until further notice.

MONDAY, March 7th

St. Perpetua & St. Felicity, Martyrs
8:30am Lou Maravella (D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 8th

St. John of God, Religious
7:00am Luz Estela Velasquez (D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9th

St. Frances of Rome, Religious
7:00am Helen Maes (D)
6:00pm Caden Sigmon (L)

THURSDAY, MARCH 10th

7:00am Lee, Nick, Yaka & Frank Music (D)
7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

FRIDAY, MARCH 11th

8:00am Lilia Sousa (D)
2:30pm Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY, MARCH 12th

8:30am Joan C. Dexter Hallett (D)

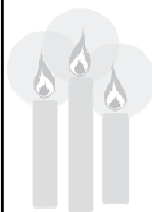
SUNDAY, MARCH 13th

11:00am Charles & Zennie Bohn & Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

March 7th through March 13th

Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16
Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47
Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22;
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53
Sunday: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14;
John 8:1-11



LIGHT IN THIS YEAR OF MERCY

"Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house."

Come find a candle to light.
Share your Gifts.

OLG
One Community
Ministry Fair

April 10th after the 9:00 and 11:00am Masses

**IMMACULATE HEART RADIO
1260AM**

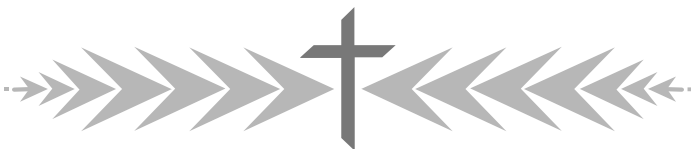
Immaculate Heart Radio has a new show! Tune-in 9-10am PST to hear **The Bright Side** with Cy Kellett. Host Cy Kellett will help you to thrive in your faith each day and encourage you to live it fully! For more info or to listen on your computer or mobile device go to IHRadio.com

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

MARIA SOLDAT



EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **March** :

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| March 9th | Coy Wesbrook | TX |
| March 15th | Thomas Meadows | PA |
| March 16th | Jeffrey Martin | PA |
| March 16th | Ricky Gray | VA |
| March 17th | Mark Asay | FL |

We ask your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.